

CLAIMS

What is claimed is:

1. A method of distributing a facsimile to an Internet enabled device, comprising:
receiving a facsimile;
storing said facsimile on a storage media at a specific location;
identifying an Internet enabled device associated with each intended recipient of said facsimile; and
notifying each identified Internet enabled device of said specific location for said saved facsimile

2. The method of claim 1, wherein said notifying each identified Internet enabled device of said specific location for said saved facsimile comprises sending said Internet enabled device an e-mail identifying said specific location for said saved facsimile.

3. The method of claim 1, further comprising:
using said Internet enabled device to retrieve said saved facsimile from said specific location; and
printing said facsimile.

4. The method of claim 1, wherein said Internet enabled device is selected from the group consisting of an embedded web server printer and a web browser enabled printer.

5. A method of distributing a facsimile, comprising:
sending a facsimile to a registered address;
retrieving said facsimile;
determining a set of intended recipients for said facsimile from said registered address;
saving said facsimile with to a specific storage location on a storage media; and
notifying each of said set of intended recipients of said saved facsimile and said specific
storage location for retrieving said facsimile.

6. The method of claim 5, wherein said registered address is associated with
a facsimile distribution center.

7. The method of claim 6, wherein said facsimile distribution center
comprises a computer program for receiving facsimiles, saving facsimiles, sending
facsimiles, sending e-mails, and determining intended recipients for saved facsimiles.

8. The method of claim 5, wherein said registered address is selected from
the group consisting of phone numbers, e-mail addresses and uniform resource locator
addresses.

9. The method of claim 5, wherein determining a set of intended recipients
from said registered address comprises querying a database for determining a set of
intended recipients.

10. The method of claim 9, wherein querying a database for determining a set
of intended recipients comprises querying said database with said registered address to
determine at least one recipient contact information address associated with said
registered address.

11. The method of claim 10, wherein said recipient contact information
address is selected from the group consisting of phone numbers, e-mail addresses, and
uniform resource locator addresses.

12. The method of claim 10, wherein querying a database for determining a set of intended recipients further comprises querying said database with said registered address to determine at least one recipient name associated with said registered address.

13. The method of claim 5, wherein saving said facsimile with to a specific storage location on a storage media, comprises:
saving said facsimile to a storage media associated with a uniform resource locator address; and
assigning a unique path name to said saved facsimile.

14. The method of claim 5, wherein notifying each of said set of intended recipients of said saved facsimile and said specific storage location for retrieving said facsimile comprises sending each of said set of intended recipients a facsimile identifying the specific storage location of the saved facsimile.

15. The method of claim 5, wherein notifying each of said set of intended recipients of said saved facsimile and said specific storage location for retrieving said facsimile comprises sending each of said set of intended recipients an e-mail identifying the specific storage location of the saved facsimile.

16. The method of claim 5, wherein notifying each of said set of intended recipients of said saved facsimile and said specific storage location for retrieving said facsimile, comprises:
notifying an Internet enabled device of said specific storage location for retrieving said facsimile; and
activating said Internet enabled device to retrieve said facsimile from said specific storage location.

17. The method of claim 16, further comprising, printing said facsimile at said Internet enabled device.

18. A system for distributing facsimiles, comprising:
 - a facsimile distribution center for receiving facsimiles, saving facsimiles, and sending notification messages;
 - a storage media for storing facsimiles saved by said facsimile distribution center; and
 - a database for determining intended recipients for received facsimiles.

19. The system of claim 18, wherein said facsimile distribution center comprises at least one computer program for receiving facsimiles, accessing said database to determine at least one intended recipient of said facsimile, and notifying said at least one intended recipient of said facsimile by a method selected from the group consisting of e-mail and facsimile.

20. The system of claim 18, wherein said facsimile distribution center comprises:
at least one computer program for receiving facsimiles, saving facsimiles, and sending notification messages; and
at least one communications port for communicating with the Internet or a phone line.